Priority 1. Engage the Whole Community

Community Engagement

- Create a consistent program which educates, engages, and informs leaders, service providers, and the community at-large.
 - Examples: Sponsoring community outreach and education events, communicating about the activities of the board, sharing opportunities for involvement and influence.

Support Philanthropy

- Empower the community to support the work.
 - o **Examples:** Support the development of a flexible community fund to support service providers and fill public funding gaps, streamline volunteer process, create tools and trainings for organizations to enable volunteers to help more, etc.

Priority 2. Establish the Coordinated Houseless Response Office Advisory Group

• Activate an advisory body comprised of community members with subjectmatter-expertise who can help advance the CHRO Strategic Plan.

Align with Continuum of Care

- Enhance and grow partnerships with providers, local and regional governments, and key stakeholders
- Assist providers, local governments, and the community in tracking investments and outcomes in the homeless response system.
 - Examples: tracking data, performance metrics, and outcomes on major investments, sharing information from the Continuum with key stakeholders in the community, etc.
- Through intergovernmental agreements, clearly define the roles and responsibilities between the cities and county for addressing homelessness among governmental entities.

Priority 3: Expanding Services for People Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness – <u>Develop/Increase Funding Streams</u>

- Assist with the creation of a Regional Sustainable Services Funding Plan.
 - Examples: how to develop and sustain PSH, how to increase funding for prevention, how to scale community behavioral health supports, etc.

Support Service Providers

- Increase access to training related to Best Practices for service providers across the Continuum of Care
 - **Examples:** Best Practices around pets/animals, domestic violence survivors, veterans, trauma informed care, etc.
- Address Gaps in Administrative Capacity
 - Examples: Creating a shared service model, sponsoring an Internship Program, assisting with Project Management and Program Development, document creation, etc.

Expand Access to Services

- Advocacy around increased access to subsidized transportation
 - Examples: Bans from public transit, connective services, emergency weather routes, etc.
- Expand Coordinated Entry by Service Providers
- Address Racial and Equity Disparities with Strategic Investment
 - o **Examples:** Multilingual access to programs, forms, and services.
- Streamline Resources/Services
 - o **Examples:** Facilitate Regional Partnerships
- Partner with providers and the County to expand Supportive Services

<u>Support Development of Authorized Camping Spaces</u>

- Support participating communities in their efforts to create camping programs and connect them with subject matter experts and providers.
 - **Examples:** Assistance with plans and programs, convening and connecting with appropriate providers, assist with Safe Parking program implementation, etc.

Priority 4: Address the Crisis of Unsheltered Homelessness

Reduce Burdens of Unsheltered Homelessness

- Improve Services to Meet Individuals' Needs While Living Unsheltered
 - Examples: Increased Access to Basic Needs, Hygiene, Safe Storage, Mail, etc.

Emergency Weather Response

- Coordinate amongst Emergency Services, local governments, and providers to ensure community-members have access to shelters.
 - Examples: weather-dependent shelter plan with pre-determined thresholds for each community, resources are available to meet the needs.

Enhance Data

- Improve data quality and usability
 - **Examples:** Supporting Point in Time Count, Leveraging Built for Zero and by name list, etc.
- Transparency
 - **Examples:** Sharing and communicating accomplishments, access to information, increasing understanding of data by hosting educational events, etc.

Improve Access to all Types of Shelter

- Support shelter providers
 - **Examples:** Advocate for reduced barriers for shelter development, assist local governments develop dedicated shelter funding, etc.
- Increase awareness about shelter availability
 - Examples: Facilitate shelter provider meetings to encourage communication, advocate for transportation access between shelters, facilitate partnership with 2-1-1 to disseminate information, etc.

Priority 5. Improve Access to Affordable Housing

Support Affordable Housing Development

- Advocate for more funding at the Local, State, and Federal Level
- Advocate for increased 0-30% AMI housing options
- Prioritize Permanent Affordable Housing
 - Examples: Advocating for Land-Trust Model, Public-Private Partnerships, etc.
- Increase Voucher Access & Utilization
 - Examples: Collaborate with Regional Housing Authority, research successes in other communities, advocacy for homeless prioritization, etc.